

ADMIT GIRLS WERE TORTURED, BUT SAY IT WASN'T CRUEL

Handcuffing of Young Women and Ducking at N. Y. School Owned Up to by State Officials.

BEDFORD HILLS, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Free admission that girls inmates were handcuffed to cell doors was made by officials of the New York state reformatory for women at Bedford Hills at a re-examination of the investigation by John S. Kennedy, vice-president of the state prison commission.

Miss Julia Minogue, disciplinary officer, Madison and John, however, asserted that neither the handcuffing nor the ducking of girls was a punishment.

The girl of their testimony was that kindness was used as long as possible, and then firm but not cruel steps were taken to keep necessary discipline. They all agreed that in no instance was a girl handcuffed to a cell so that her feet did not rest on the floor.

The only punishment ever administered was deprivation of privileges and putting an unruly girl on bread and water. Miss Minogue said. The use of handcuffs and of water was purely for restraint.

Miss Minogue illustrated against the wall the position of a girl when handcuffed to a cell, and asserted it was clear that were a girl's feet clear of the floor she would be thrown far forward.

She said Peter Quinn, a guard who has testified girls were handcuffed with their feet from four to 10 inches from the floor and ducked until he thought they were dead, was the first to suggest the handcuffing.

Miss Helen A. Cobb, superintendent of the institution, and Miss Minogue tried handcuffing two years ago, it developed from Miss Minogue's testimony. She said Miss Cobb handcuffed her to a cell, left her for 10 minutes, then released her, and she was not hurt.

She said she had been in the institution for 26 years, and she and Miss Cobb again practiced handcuffing on themselves within the last two weeks. Referring to the ducking in water charges, Miss Minogue said:

"We just put a girl's head in and up again. I have done it sometimes one, two, three times. No girl ever fainted or smothered or suffocated during her treatment."

Miss Minogue described the bad condition of discipline when she went to Bedford three years ago, saying she had to wash her hair five or six times a day because of the filth thrown upon her. She said one girl injured her side by purposely slamming a cell door against her.

Dr. Mary Conant, resident physician, and Dr. Elizabeth Jaeger, her assistant, were witnesses. They agreed girls' feet were never off the floor when handcuffed, so far as their knowledge went. Dr. Grover read an extract from her report for Oct. 26, 1918, which showed three girls—Evelyn Brown, Elsie Ramsey and Frances O'Neill—were "hung up" to a grating, and that Dr. Grover had advised Miss Minogue to take the girls down at 4 p.m. that day. According to the record the three were "hanged" the next morning, but Dr. Grover explained she had no way of knowing whether they had been taken down when she advised it, having been in their beds, and had been "hung" again.

Dr. Conant admitted Quinn in August had asked her to do something for the "poor girls," who he said were being handcuffed with feet off the floor and ducked in cold water until they were almost suffocated. Said Dr. Conant:

"I told him if he considered the punishment too severe he should complain to Miss Cobb, the superintendent, not to me."

LETTERS QUARTER OF CENTURY ON WAY

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 5.—(By International News Service.)—A letter, 25 years old, on Sept. 11, 1893, a letter was mailed to Mrs. John Brown from Lexington, Mass., and in 1918 a letter was mailed to Mrs. Brown from Hopkinton, Mass., both addressed to her. Both letters arrived today, having taken 25 and 26 years, respectively, to make the trip.

Mrs. Brown has been dead 20 years. No return address is on the envelope. The 25-year-old letter has only the Lexington postmark. The other is postmarked "Grand Central Station, New York, Jan. 9, 1920."

The letters were mailed to Mrs. Brown's daughter, Mrs. Henry M. Waite, 105 East Fifty-third street, New York.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE IS PLANNED

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—(By International News Service.)—An outcome of the recent visit of the Yale hockey team to Canada, plans for an international intercollegiate hockey union are being considered. The suggestion came from Nick Bawit, a professional player, now coaching the Queens university hockey team.

It was understood here that representatives from Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Dartmouth universities will meet shortly to discuss the proposition. It is planned to have the first schedule for games between these four United States universities and Queen's, McGill and Toronto on the Canadian end.

GRABS GOOSE OUT OF FOG IN BACK YARD

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 5.—Lee Iltip pulled a wild goose out of the fog in his back yard. At 6:30 a.m. Iltip went into his back yard and in the thick fog noticed something large flying about. It flew past his head a couple of times, and upon hearing a flock of wild geese higher in the air calling loudly he realized the bird must be a goose.

About the third time the goose flew by him Iltip made a one-handed stab and grabbed the bird around the neck. He rushed into the house with his prize and then went back into the yard and waited for more, but without success.

"SACHEL BABY" HAS LONG LIST OF HOMES WAITING FOR HIM



The Baby, as He Was Found in the Satchel.

A score of persons have called at the hospital at Bridgeport, Conn., to learn if the eight-week-old baby brought there recently in a satchel is to be given up for adoption. While Robert F. Holland, of Bridgeport, was traveling from New York to his home country substituted another satchel for his and when Holland opened the new satchel he discovered the baby boy in it.

BAVARIA WOULD OPPOSE UNIFIED GERMAN STATE

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The suggestion originating in the Prussian diet that the national government should sound the sentiments of the federal states on the question of creating a unified German state has aroused opposition in Bavaria and Saxony. The proposal was introduced by the coalition bloc of the Prussian diet.

The press dispatch from Munich says the majority of the Bavarian people are unalterably opposed to any scheme that tends to obliterate the time-honored prerogatives of the state.

In a general debate on the issue in the Bavarian diet, the parties, with the exception of the majority and the independents, opposed the scheme. The ultra left radicals, however, declared that they unconditionally favored it and requested the Bavarian government to direct their efforts in that direction.

The Saxony ministry president, Herr Gradnauer, expressed the belief that the present moment is not the time for the execution of a plan which purports to wipe out the political frontiers of the federated states. He said he believed that the Berlin official quarters were inadequately posted in respect to the South German opposition to the hasty centralization of all authority in Berlin and that such centralization would serve as a check to the aspirations of Berlin.

REVOLUTIONARIES ARE TRAPPED; MANY DIE

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5.—Nearly all of the 500 revolutionaries trapped by the forces of the anti-Russian government in the attempted revolt at Vladivostok, on Nov. 15 were killed, according to Gen. Rudolph Gaida, the Czechoslovak commander, who acted as military leader of the insurgents. Gen. Gaida came to Shanghai after he and his forces were captured when the rebellion failed.

Two hundred of the revolutionaries were killed in fighting, he said. "Three hundred of them were marched out like cattle and shot. No trial, no hearing. They were driven before the firing squads."

Gen. Gaida said the real leaders of the abortive revolution were Ivan Alexandrovitch Takushoff, president of the Siberian state before Admiral Kolchak was given the title of supreme ruler, and Col. Arkadi Antovich Kravetski, who was vice-minister of the constituent assembly that was formed last year.

Help for the doctors. Laxative Quinine Tablets (Van Vleet's) prevent flu if taken now.

AUTO BANDITS ONE SIDE! HORSETHIEF BACK AGAIN

REDFING, Cal., Feb. 5.—Automobile thefts are so common of late years it is really a variation for horse thieves to come into the public eye. At Cottonwood recently two valuable saddle horses were stolen, presumably by two young men who had worked for one day on the "Cross" ranch, or the Bay ranch. Richard Seale, riding anti-rail in the neighborhood for a few minutes. When G. A. Green, the owner of the cross ranch, went to the barn he found that his riding horse and saddle were gone. The horses stolen were the two best in Cottonwood.

AUTOMATIC PHONOGRAPH

Persons who wish the phonograph would just keep in playing can have their wish now, with the aid of a machine devised by an Illinois inventor and described in the February issue of the February Popular Mechanics Magazine. The several disc records to be played are arranged in a row, and either by sets of rollers, three of which hold the edge of each disc, leaving space enough between them for the insertion of arms carrying needles which engage both upper and lower faces of the records. The outer ends of these arms transfer the vibrations to the stroboscopic reproducer. The operation is automatically shifted from the end of one selection to the beginning of another.

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WIDOW FOR FIFTY YEARS NOW IS 103 IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Nancy Fay, of this town, celebrated her 103d birthday here with a reception at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Mason. Large numbers of friends flocked here to visit her, and many presents were received. Mrs. Fay was born in Framingham, and came here when she was married in her early twenties. Her husband died about 50 years ago.

Mrs. Fay is in excellent health, has fine eyesight, good appetite, and is fairly active. Her mind is unusually keen and she talked of incidents that happened back in her girlhood days in Framingham. She lost a son in the Civil war.

GIRL RECOVERS VOICE LOST FROM FRIGHT

KREMMLING, Cal., Feb. 5.—(By International News Service.)—Florence McGlothin, 17 years of age, has recovered her voice after being speechless for some time as the result of fright. With several young companions, the McGlothin girl went out for a bike over the mountains when she encountered four mountain lions. Though the lions made no attempt to attack the young girl, she fell to the ground and tried to scream. Her terror was so great that she was unable to utter a sound and was under the care of physicians for some time before regaining her power of speech.

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BLAMES MYSTIC CHIEF FOR CAUSING CRIME

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Mary Jennings Bennett, a widow, vice-president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the New York presbytery and active church worker, who blamed the influence of a "divine psychologist" for her troubles, pleaded guilty to first degree grand larceny in general session court here.

Mrs. Bennett, who is 32 years old, was arraigned on four indictments charging her with swindling Mount Vernon residents out of \$7,000 by an alleged "get-rich-quick" scheme.

She insisted she had criminal intent in taking the money, but was under the hypnotic influence of a New York mystic to whom she said she had paid large sums.

HOTEL GIRL WEDS WEALTHY WIDOWER

MONROE, Mich., Feb. 5.—The romance of Louis Navarre, 37-year-old waiter at the Park hotel here, and Hall Cheney, millionaire widower, came to a glittering, if unexpected, culmination today, when the two were married at 2 a.m. by Justice William Danz, who was routed from his bed.

The girl served the guests of the hotel last night as usual and then met her fiancé. They went out in Cheney's big car and the next heard of them was the report brought to town by the justice this morning that the ceremony had been performed.

Miss Navarre is the daughter of a farmer living near here and has known her husband but a few months. The couple is known to have had plans for a wedding journey to Japan, the South Pacific and New York. They have expected to build a large home on the Pacific coast, where the groom has large lumber interests.

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